

February 16, 2022

RE: Appropriations Public Hearing on  
Budget Adjustments for  
Elementary and Secondary  
Education

the Governor's Proposed FY 23

Dear Honorable Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Juan A. Ortiz-Cotto and I am from West Hartford. I have a son who attends Museum Academy in Bloomfield, which is part of the CREC Magnet Schools. I am writing to ask you to please support an increase in the RESC state magnet grant.

First, let me thank you for your past support for increased funding for magnet schools in Connecticut. My child benefits greatly through the extraordinary opportunity he experiences every day at CREC Museum Academy. This diverse and engaging learning environment with Museum benefits my son by encouraging him to engage, explore, explain, elaborate, and evaluate, so he can become a critical thinker and active learner.

Additionally, I know that my son learns better and is more prepared for the real world as a result of working alongside other students from different backgrounds.

Thank you,

Juan A. Ortiz-Cotto  
West Hartford Resident